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SUBJ: IRANIAN EFFORT TO PLACE COMMUNISTS IN EMBARRASSING

POSITION RE THEIR REFUSAL TO OBSERVE AND INVESTIGATE

1. IRDEL AMB SADRY INFORMED EMBOFF OF IRANIAN MANEUVER NOW IN PROGRESS TO ATTEMPT TO FORCE COMMUNIST DELS TO INVESTIGATE OR OBSERVE CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS.

2. IRDEL SIAGON HAS ACCUMULATED ALL PRG REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS RECEIVED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND FORWARDED THE PERTINENT REQUESTS TO EACH RESPECTIVE REGION.

3. ALL SENIOR REGIONAL IRANIAN OFFICERS WERE INSTRUCTED TO PROPOSE AT THEIR REGIONAL LEVEL MEETINGS THAT THE ICCS BEGIN TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS BASED ON PRG REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS. THE REGIONAL IRDEL CHIEFS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STATE THAT THE IRDEL, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT, HAS TRIED TO INVESTIGATE OR MAKE NATIONAL OBSERVATIONS OF

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INCIDENTS REPORTED BY THE RVN AND WISHES, AS AN UNBIASED

OBSERVER, TO INVESTIGATE OR MAKE A NATIONAL OBSERVATION BASED ON PRG REQUESTS. AS IN CASES INVOLVING THE RVN, THE IRDEL WILL REQUEST SECURITY GUARANTEES AND AN ESCORT OFFICER FROM BOTH PARTIES BUT WILL BE WILLING TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION OR NATIONAL OBSERVATION WITH ONLY A ONE PARTY SAFETY GUARANTEE AND SECORT OFFICER.

4. THIS MOVE IS NOW IN PROGRESS AT ALL ICCS REGIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS' SITES. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN DELS' RESPONSE TO IRDEL INITIATIVE HAS VARIED. IN ICCS REGION VII COMMUNISTS SOUGHT REFUGE IN PROCEDURAL DELAYING ARGUMENTS SIMILAR TO THEIR ACTIONS WHEN CONFRONTED WITH GVN COMPLAINTS. THE INDODEL AT FIRST SIDED WITH THE COMMUNISTS ON GROUND THAT THE PROCEDURE THE IRANIAN PROPOSED IS UNAUTHORIZED, I.E., THEY HAVE NO SUTHORIZING ORDER FROM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN SAIGON. LATER IN EDITING THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING, THEY MODIFIED ITS LANGUAGE TO SHOW A NEUTRAL POSITION. THE IRDEL CHIEF IN CAN THO, LTC. KHATIR NOW BELIEVES THAT INDONESIANS BETTER APPRECIATE AIM OF IRANIANS MOVE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AT SAIGON AND WILL JOIN IRANIANS.

5. ACCORDING TO KHATIR, IRANIANS INTEND TO GATHER REPORTS ON THE DEMARCHE FROM ALL REGIONAL IRDELS, DRAW UP A POSITION PAPER AND THEN PRESENT THE DEMARCHE IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STRATEGY IS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FACT THAT FULL MINUTES OF MILCOM MEETINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO TPJMC, PRG, GVN AND WORLD OPINION WOULD THEREBY ACQUIRE IN ONE PACKAGE THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL, THE RECORD OF EAST EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS' PROTESTS AT REGIONAL LEVEL, AND THE FULL MINUTES REVEALING EAST EUROPEAN OBSTRUCTIONISM IN MILCOM. KHATIR SAID THAT SINCE MILCOM MINUTES ARE PERMANENT FORMAL ICCS RECORD EVIDENCE OF IRANIAN (AND ASSUMEDLY INDONESIAN) IMPARTIALITY WILL BE INDELIBLY PRESERVED.

6. IN ICCS REGION II THE IRANIANS ATTEMPTED TO PLACE THE SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA AND ALTHOUGH COMMUNIST DELS WERE AT FIRST TAKEN BACK BY THIS PLOY THEY QUICKLY RECOVERED AND INSISTED ITEM NOT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR "CONSIDERATION" BUT ONLY FOR "INFORMATION". IRDEL REFUSED SAYING "INFORMATION" WAS SOMETHING ONE PUT IN A FILE WHEREAS THEY WANTED TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF ACTION ON THESE REQUESTS. SINCE NEITHER SIDE WOULD YIELD AND
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THE ITEM WAS NOT PLACED ON THE AGENDA. INDONESIANS IN REGION II UNDERSTAND IRANIAN MANEUVER AND NOW TWO SIDES ARE DEAD LOCKED ON THIS ISSUE.

7. SADRY HAS ASKED THAT EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MANEUVER BE CLOSELY HELD BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT ANY SUSPICION OF US INVOLVEMENT.
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